



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Do unto those downstream as you would have those upstream do unto you." ~ Wendell Berry

Jan. 22, 2014

Animal Advocates Middle School Club

The Animal Advocates Club is for animal lovers in grades 6 to 8. Club members learn about animal welfare and protection issues, participate in service projects benefitting the Monroe County Humane Association and the Bloomington Animal Shelter, enjoy guest speakers, and spend time with other kids with similar interests. The club meets on the fourth Thursday of each month during the school year. To reserve your spot, please contact Sarah DeLone at sdelone@monroehumane.org or (812) 335-9453. (www.monroehumane.org)

Bargain Boutique

Since its inception, My Sister's Closet has provided 1200 women in our community with workplace attire to help them on their way to employment and self-sufficiency. Be a part of this effort by volunteering two hours per week at the Bargain Boutique, assisting customers, tagging and straightening clothes, and receiving donations. It is a fun and rewarding place to be! Minimum age is 16. Please contact Emily Stern at (812) 333-7710 or volunteer@sisterscloset.org. (www.sisterscloset.org)

Children's Expo – Feb. 8

The 29th annual Children's Expo and Health Fair will be on Sat. Feb. 8, and will feature free health screenings for children ages 10 years and younger. Parents and children can also explore the expo hall with its interactive booths, live entertainment, and exhibitors with products and services just for children and families. Volunteers interested in child development will transform Batchelor Middle School into a wild safari, help professionals perform children's health screenings, assist at the welcome table, provide vendor hospitality and much more! Friday setup will be from 4-7 p.m. Saturday volunteers will take either the 7:30-11 a.m. or the 10:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m. shift. Fifteen to twenty volunteers are needed per shift. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Kim Ecenbarger, Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department, at (812) 349-3739 or ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov/parks)

Saturday Site Host at Habitat

Are you a fun-loving, enthusiastic, people person, who loves to greet new people, help them feel comfortable, and best of all, keep them well-fed? Then Habitat for Humanity has a great volunteer opportunity just for you! Site Hosts go to the Saturday build site and help construction volunteers sign-in, answer questions, and present the provided morning snack and lunch. This is a great opportunity for volunteers that want to be involved with Habitat's mission and meet other community members that are passionate about ending the cycle of poverty housing in Monroe County! Minimum age is 16, 15 if with an adult. Please contact Phil Bowers at (812) 331-4069 ext. 202 or volunteers@monroecountyhabitat.org. (www.monroecountyhabitat.org)

Girl Scout Cookie Cupboard Support Team

It's Girl Scout cookie time! Volunteers with a pleasant, helpful manner are invited to support Girl Scout cookie sales by answering phones, taking cookie orders, and assisting customers with check-out. Other tasks include doing inventory, helping with incoming cookie deliveries and filing. Days and times are flexible. The Cookie Cupboard Support Team supports Girl Scouts as they learn skills including goal-setting, decision-making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. Minimum age is 18. Please contact the Girl Scouts Service Center at (855) 472-4684 ext. 6826 or mcurry@girlscoutsindiana.org to schedule your shift! (www.girlscoutsindiana.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Stepping Stones

Provides individualized support for youth aged 16-20 experiencing homelessness in a safe, service-enriched setting with the goal of breaking the cycles of poverty and homelessness. To grant a wish, contact them at (812) 339-9771. (www.steppingstones-inc.org)

Wishes: gift cards to restaurants, movie theaters and stores; arts and craft supplies; school supplies; household products; office supplies

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

